

the accomplishments, outstanding public service and strong leadership qualities of its recipient. Of the forty-two sheriffs in the Nation to have been nominated, Sheriff Fuselier holds the distinction of being the first sheriff from Louisiana to receive this most prestigious award.

Sheriff Fuselier, who is currently serving his fifth term in office, is a very valuable resource both to St. Martin Parish and the State of Louisiana. He has demonstrated time and time again his dedication to the citizens of St. Martin Parish through his many accomplishments which have touched the lives of many people and had an overwhelmingly positive impact on the State as a whole.

When Sheriff Fuselier took office in 1980, the staff consisted of 28 deputies. Currently, the sheriff's office boasts a 160 deputy staff. This is just one of the many instances where Sheriff Fuselier recognized a critical need and took the necessary steps to better serve the people of St. Martin Parish. Other examples of his leadership and dedication include the establishment of law enforcement centers, parish prisons and a special emergency reaction team. Sheriff Fuselier has not only recognized the law enforcement needs of the parish but also the individuals under his care with the implementation of an inmate rehabilitation program.

Due to his tireless efforts to enhance the delivery of law enforcement services and combat the victimization of older persons, Sheriff Fuselier was instrumental in creating the first TRIAD program in the Nation in Louisiana. He heard about the TRIAD concept at a national FBI forum, knew it would help the people of St. Martin Parish and began a TRIAD program within weeks of having heard about it. Thus having earned the title "Father TRIAD," he has also instructed and moderated numerous TRIAD workshops and seminars providing assistance to develop TRIAD programs throughout Louisiana and the Nation.

Through his work on a myriad of law enforcement task forces, study groups, and commissions, Sheriff Fuselier has made many very important contributions to the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and the National Sheriffs' Association. In fact, Sheriff Fuselier served in every position of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and also in many capacities on the National Sheriffs' Association such as the crime prevention committee and the national TRIAD advisory board.

I congratulate Sheriff Fuselier on receiving this very prestigious award and also on his contributions to the State and national criminal justice system. His achievements are truly an inspiration and the national sheriff of the year award is well deserved.●

TRIBUTE TO DEAN KAMEN, NEW HAMPSHIRE'S BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to commend Dean Kamen, New Hampshire's Business Leader of the Year for 1996, president of DEKA Research and Development, and founder of U.S. First. I congratulate him for his record of excellence in business and community development.

Business NH Magazine and the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives sponsor an annual event to recognize New Hampshire individuals and businesses making outstanding contributions to industry and community. Each year the sponsoring group receives hundreds of nominations. The exceptional quality of the entries gives testimony to the strength of Granite State businesses and the New Hampshire volunteer spirit.

Dean Kamen's record of achievement is certainly worthy of this outstanding honor. His inventions hold over 30 U.S. patents, he invented a life-saving 22-pound portable kidney dialysis machine, and he created a climate control system used by NASA. Dean has been recognized by President Clinton for his accomplishments and received the Hoover Medal, an international engineering honor.

Dean Kamen is a visionary who wants to change the way children view science and technology. He would like to see our Nation's children emulate scientists as much as they do sports heroes. His award-winning and community-minded contribution for this year is the U.S. First program designed to inspire American children. Children from across the Nation work with engineers and compete in a technological version of "American Gladiators."

Dean is working on a new project and keeping it tightly under wraps, but I look forward to hearing about it in the future. This is an outstanding record of accomplishment for this 45-year-old businessman. I wish to congratulate him for his recognition as New Hampshire's Business Leader of the Year, and I am proud to call Dean Kamen my friend.●

HONORING THE TRIMBLES FOR CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, families are the cornerstone of America. The data is undeniable: individuals from strong families contribute to the society. In an era when nearly half of all couples married today will see their union dissolve into divorce, I believe it is both instructive and important to honor those who have taken the commitment of "till death us do part" seriously, demonstrating successfully the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity. These characteristics make our country strong.

For these important reasons, I rise today to honor Mr. David and Mrs.

Hazel Trimble of St. Charles, MO, who on June 16, 1996, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone. David and Hazel's commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserves to be saluted and recognized. I wish them and their family all the best as they celebrate this substantial marker on their journey together.●

TRIBUTE TO GIRL OF THE YEAR, KIM YARMO

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Kim Yarmo, a sixth-grader at Amherst Street School in Nashua, NH, for receiving the honor of Girl of the Year Award from Girls, Inc.

Girls, Inc. is an organization open to girls between the ages of 5 and 18 and dedicated to the empowerment of young women. The programs are designed to help girls compensate for neglect they sometimes suffer in the development of skills in certain areas, such as sports or subjects such as math and science. Kim's parents thought that the program would help her overcome the difficulties of growing up with three brothers and no sister.

Selection for both Girl of the Month and Girl of the Year is based upon several qualities: cooperative attitude, enthusiasm, steady attendance, positive attitude, leadership skills, and outstanding ability to interact with staff and peers. Kim was chosen by the local Girls, Inc. staff and all of the 4 to 500 girls in the program as Girl of the Year. She was chosen from a group of 12 girls who had been named Girl of the Month during 1 of the past 12 months. Kim will represent Girls, Inc. at special events throughout the next year.

Kim is known by her peers for her helping ways, including assisting her peers with homework and reading. She is a responsible and caring young lady who understands the definition of teamwork. Kim is a leader and I am proud to call her one of New Hampshire's own.

Young women like Kim are important to the future of New Hampshire and the future of this Nation. I congratulate her as the recipient of Girls, Inc.'s Girl of the Year award.●

SWISS BANKS AND GOLD LOOTED BY THE NAZIS

● Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to discuss the role of Swiss banks and their handling of gold looted by the Nazis.

On May 25, 1946, the Allies and Switzerland agreed to a treaty liquidating German property in Switzerland. In section II, paragraph 2 of the treaty, Switzerland agreed to pay the Allies \$250 million in Swiss francs payable on demand, in gold in New York. This treaty was the culmination of a very difficult negotiation with the Swiss,